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Health Committee.

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Vice-Chairman : Councillor E. HUTCHINSON.

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Councillor F. BAXENDALL.

Councillor E. E. HOOPER.

Councillor J. PROCTOR.

Councillor W. SMITH (E.), J.P.

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Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.

The Worshipful the Mayor : Ald. JOSEPH DENBY, J.P. (ex-officio).

Chairman : Councillor E. E. HOOPER.

Vice-Chairman : Councillor J. PROCTER and Members of the Health Committee, together with four Co-opted Members.

LADY HAGGAS, J.P. }

Mrs. H. S. CLOUGH }

Mrs. J. GROVES }

Mrs. E. McNULTY }

Co-opted Members.

Staff.

Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer :

H. MAINWARING HOLT, Esq., T.D., M.B., B.S., (Lond.),
M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Leeds).

Deputy Medical Officer of Health and Deputy School Medical Officer :

Miss ISABELLA SIM, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant School
Medical Officer :

Mrs. FLORENCE MURIEL LOUISE HOLT, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Ante and Post Natal Consultant :

Mrs. R. H. B. ADAMSON, M.D., B.S., F.C.O.G.

Chief Sanitary Inspector :

Mr. THOMAS LINDSAY, M.S.I.A.††§¶

Director of Cleansing :

Mr. C. ROBINSON, M.Inst.P.C.

District Sanitary Inspectors :

Mr. BAILEY THORNTON, M.S.I.A.*†

Mr. WILLIAM ASA BAILEY, M.S.I.A.*†

Mr. BERT CLEAR, M.S.I.A., A.R.San.I.*†§ +

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(serving with H.M. Forces).

Mr. MAURICE FAWCETT, M.S.I.A., A.R.San.I.†

(Transferred from Clerical Staff, 18/3/40).

Superintendent Health Visitor :

Miss H. A. SHUTT.

Health Visitors :

Miss S. C. WILSON | Died 21/8/40.

Miss D. S. McCONVILLE.

Miss M. H. MITCHELL (Part-time).

Miss M. SHIPLEY (Part-time).

Miss L. GRUNDY (Part-time).

Miss L. V. ATKIN (Appointed 16/10/40).

Chief Clerk :

Mr. LESLIE C. HODGKISS.

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Mr. KENNETH WEATHERHEAD.

Miss LYDIA M. TERRY.

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(Transferred to Inspectorial Staff, 18/3/40).

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BOROUGH OF KEIGHLEY.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my eleventh Annual Report on the work of the Health Services of the Borough for the year 1940.

In spite of the heavy demands made on the Department by activities connected with the prosecution of the war, the Public Health Services have been reasonably well maintained and as a whole the year has not produced any outstanding features which would indicate any deterioration in the maintenance of the health standards of the town's inhabitants.

There is an increase in the birth-rate and a very slight increase in the death-rate and it is pleasing to be able to record a fall in the number of fatal street accidents.

The number of cases admitted to the Keighley, Bingley and Shipley Joint Hospital shows a striking decrease as compared with last year.

A good deal of annoying criticism has been levelled against the department in connection with the collection of salvage. A perusal of the Annual Report dealing with this problem will indicate the results of the splendid effort carried out by this department of the Public Health Services.

Throughout the year the Public Health Services have maintained the closest co-operation with all the other Public Services operating in the area, and I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my satisfaction with the happy relationship which exists amongst us.

So far as my own staff is concerned, no officer could desire more loyal co-operation or support.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

H. M. HOLT,

Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department,
Lowfield House,
Town Hall Square,
Keighley.

BOROUGH OF KEIGHLEY.

A.—NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The population according to the Registrar's Estimate for 1940 is 55,450.

The estimated number of inhabited houses is 18,396. The rateable value is £369,226, and the sum represented by a Penny Rate, £1,370.

PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES.

The total average number of persons registered as unemployed during the year was 450, and in Haworth 106, which on comparison with the previous year will show a very considerable improvement.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.—The total number of births registered was 712, 32 of these being still-births. The Birth Rate is 12.86.

Deaths.—The deaths registered for the year are 826. The Death Rate is 14.9.

STREET ACCIDENTS.

There were 5 fatal road accidents during the year.

INFANT MORTALITY.

The number of infants dying under one year of age is 34. The Infant Mortality Rate is 47.75 per 1,000 births registered.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

The number of women dying directly as a result of child-birth is 4. The Maternal Mortality Rate is 5.62.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

The natural increase or decrease per 1,000 of the population is 2.04.

Poor Relief administered amounted to £17,368.

B.—GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES WITHIN THE BOROUGH.

1.—HOSPITALS PROVIDED.

The Hospital Services, remain the same.

Fever Hospitals.—The following cases were admitted to the Keighley, Bingley and Shipley Joint Hospital at Morton Banks.

Para-Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	1
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	48
Diphtheria	...	...	...	67
Pneumonia	...	...	...	7
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...	...	...	8
Erysipelas	...	...	...	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	1
Measles	...	...	...	13
Tuberculosis, Other Forms	...	...	...	1
Total				150

Smallpox Hospitals.—Accommodation is the same.

Tuberculosis Sanatoria.—Facilities remain the same.

Maternity Hospitals.—The number of confinements in the County Hospital was 191.

Children's Hospitals.—Facilities are the same.

2.—AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The same facilities are available.

3.—CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

School Clinics.—See Annual Report of School Medical Officer.

Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics.—Details of these services are the same.

Orthopædic Clinic, Ophthalmic Clinic and Ultra Violet Clinic.
—See Annual Report for 1938.

Dental Clinic.—No important change has been made in the services available.

Details of Dental Treatment of Maternity and Child Welfare Patients.

Attendances	...	...	...	...	...	...	176
Patients	...	...	...	...	...	...	60

Dental Treatment of Toddlers.

Attendances	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Patients	...	...	...	...	...	...	35

Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases Clinics.—See Annual Report of the County Medical Officer.

Home Helps.—The details of this service are the same as those shown previously. 22 applications for the services of "Home-Helps" were received and appropriately dealt with.

Ante and Post Natal Consultant.—No cases attended the consultant in Leeds during 1940.

Mothercraft Classes.—The average attendance was 22.

4 and 5.—PROFESSIONAL NURSING AND MIDWIVES.

Details of these services are the same.

6.—LABORATORY WORK.

476 specimens from Hospitals and general practitioners and 1,123 from the Public Health Department have been submitted to the West Riding County Council for bacteriological examination.

208 samples of water have been submitted by the Waterworks Engineer for bacteriological examination.

RAINFALL.

The total annual rainfall as measured in the gauge situated at the Public Abattoir is as follows :—

January	...	...	...	...	.53 inches
February	...	...	...	...	1.98 "
March	...	...	...	...	2.46 "
April	...	...	...	...	3.43 "
May	...	...	...	...	.94 "
June	...	...	...	...	.63 "
July	...	...	...	...	3.23 "

August	...	...	...	1.12	„
September	...	...	...	3.40	„
October	.....	...	...	4.21	„
November	...	...	...	6.08	„
December	...	...	...	2.85	„
Total				30.86	

7.—PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

See front page.

8.—LEGISLATION IN FORCE IN THE BOROUGH.

See Annual Report for the year 1936.

9.—SCHOOLS.

See separate report on the School Medical Services.

C.—PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

1.—NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

209 visits of investigation were paid and 149 for the purpose of disinfection.

No cases of Smallpox were notified.

(a) **Measles.**—The number of cases notified was 1,526. 4 deaths were registered.

(b) **Whooping Cough.**—The number of cases notified was 63. There were no deaths.

(c) **Scarlet Fever.**—The number of cases notified was 50. 1 death was registered. 96% of the notified cases were removed to Hospital.

(d) **Diphtheria.**—The number of cases notified was 69. 6 deaths occurred and 97.1% of the notified cases were removed to hospital.

(e) **Cerebro-Spinal Fever.**—12 cases were notified. 9 were removed to hospital. There were 4 deaths.

(f) **Para-Typhoid Fever.**—1 case was notified and removed to hospital. There were no deaths.

(g) **Zymotic Enteritis (Summer Diarrhœa).**—No cases came to the notice of the Department.

(h) **Ophthalmia Neonatorum.**—2 cases were brought to the notice of the Department and they were followed up.

(i) **Puerperal Pyrexia.**—3 cases were notified. There were no deaths.

(j) **Acute Primary or Influenzal Pneumonia.**—50 cases were notified: The deaths registered numbered 41.

(k) **Tuberculosis.**—46 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were received, Non-Pulmonary cases notified being 17. 21 Pulmonary and 5 Non-Pulmonary deaths were registered.

(l) **Influenza.**—There were 13 deaths certified from this disease

(m) **Erysipelas.**—The number of cases notified was 13. There were no deaths.

2.—CANCER—MALIGNANT DISEASE.

The number of deaths registered was 95. The number of patients admitted from Keighley to the Radium Therapy Department of the Bradford Royal Infirmary totalled 58 and the total number of days stay amounted to 635. Similar arrangements exist for treatment as shown previously.

D.—MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

1.—ADMINISTRATION.

The clinic facilities are the same as shown in last year's report.

Notification of Births.

Number notified 712. Of these 9 were illegitimate and 32 were still-births. 262 of these occurred in maternity homes or institutions.

2.—SUMMARY OF VISITS PAID BY HEALTH VISITORS.

The total number of visits was 16,104

Welfare Centre

The days and times of the clinic sessions remain the same.

Number on register at end of year :—

Babies	...	...	...	...	1115
Ante-Natal	...	...	...	...	457
Post-Natal	...	...	...	...	180
Toddlers	...	...	...	...	182

The following summary shows the work done :—

	Baby Attendances	Baby Weigh'gs.	A.N. Mothers.	P.N. Mothers.	Toddlers.
Victoria Park	3767	3571	689	154	298
Westgate	3484	3245	556	76	199
Haworth	1330	1165	156	4	—
Morton	906	843	61	10	—
Oakworth	500	477	33	1	—

The number of infant consultations held by the medical officers in charge of the various centres was 3,804. The total number of Toddlers on the registers shows a slight decrease.

36 children were treated by artificial sunlight. Minor ailments treated were 45 and orthopædic cases treated were 40.

The number of mothers referred from the Ante-Natal Clinics for dental treatment was 47. The number of cases referred from Toddlers' Clinics for dental treatment was 35.

The Postural Clinic continues on similar lines, but has again been considerably developed. Details of this work are embodied in the Annual Report of the School Medical Officer for the current year.

Infant Life Protection.

4 cases came to notice during the year. 8 cases were already under supervision from the previous year. 49 visits were made.

3.—MILK DISTRIBUTION.

The total net cost of dried milk distributed was £36 16s. 2d.

4.—KEIGHLEY INFANTS' AID SOCIETY.

This Society still continues to readily co-operate with the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, even though working under considerable handicaps.

F.—SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER.

The Borough Waterworks Undertaking is described in the Annual Report for 1938.

89 bacteriological water samples were taken, 366 inspection and 33 re-visits were made of private water supplies. 16 such supplies were condemned and town's water provided. Two supplies are the subject of a current appeal to the Ministry of Health.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

Pollution of rivers and streams is not a serious matter, as all drainage, with a few exceptions, is discharged into the public sewers and private septic tank systems.

SWIMMING BATHS.

There are no privately owned swimming pools in the district, but the Corporation own two swimming baths of the first and second class types, which are described in the 1938 Report. Samples reveal the bath water to be maintained at a purity satisfactory to the Ministry of Health.

DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The five sewage disposal works are fully described in the Annual Report for 1938.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES AND REFUSE ACCOMMODATION.

No. of houses with water-closets	17,855
do. do. waste-water closets	2,381
No. of pail or tub closets	112
No. of privies (at farms where no sewer and/or water supply is reasonably available) ...	252

769 inspections were made regarding sanitary and refuse accommodation in connection with which the following improvements were effected :—

45 waste water closets and 59 other types of closets were converted to water closets, 25 privy and 8 W.W.C's. were abolished and 3 were reconstructed, 25 additional water closets and 2 other types of closets were provided and 345 water closets were repaired or renewed.

108 premises were provided with regulation dust-bins in lieu of unsatisfactory refuse receptacles.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

Total number of premises dealt with	...	...	5,203
Total inspections for nuisances—Dwellings	...	...	1,337
—Others	...	...	1,716
Total nuisances found	...	...	1,249
Number abated	...	...	1,099
Inspections and re-visits for other Statutory Purposes—Inspections	...	...	8,099
—Re-visits	...	...	4,604
Number of Sanitary Improvements effected at premises controlled by Public Health and other Legislation	...	...	2,660
Number of interviews	...	...	2,613

NOTICES SERVED AND COMPLIED WITH.

	Notices Served.		Notices Complied with (including matters brought forward from 1939).	
	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal
Public Health Acts Public Health Act, 1936 (Workplaces)	419	94	371	62
Housing Acts	14	8	4	5
Factories Act	124	9	43	3
Milk and Dairies Orders	5	—	8	—
Food and Drugs Act	11	—	62	—
Shops Act	2	—	11	—

HOUSING.

1.—GENERAL CONDITIONS.

(a) Total Number of Houses in Borough	18,396
(b) Number of working-class houses included in above ...	16,464
(c) Number of new houses built in 1940	Nil

2.—OVERCROWDING.

No sustained action has been taken with regard to the investigation of cases of overcrowding. 10 cases have come to light, 4 of which have been dealt with by recommends to Housing Committee for re-housing; 1 which has been licensed for temporary overcrowding due to abnormal circumstances, and 5 owners and/or occupiers required to abate the condition by informal action. At the end of 1939 six houses affecting 35 persons were known to be overcrowded. No further action has been taken during 1940. No new cases of overcrowding were reported. The overcrowding situation has been complexed by the influx of transferred labour and persons from evacuation areas and refugees.

Since the operation of the Act only 4,213 houses have been supplied with the "permitted no." by the Department.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are two in the Borough, solely used by men, and they are well maintained. 39 inspections were made.

CAMPING SITES.

Three sites accommodating a maximum number of 100 campers have been re-licensed.

OTHER SITES FOR MOVABLE DWELLINGS

In addition to the above there were 5 sites for other moveable dwellings licensed subject to the colonies being brought up to standard.

Inspection of Factories.

Premises.	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories with Mechanical Power	600	129	—
Factories without Mechanical Power	35	4	—
Other Premises under the Act	4	—	—
	639	133	—

Defects found in Factories.

Particulars	Number of Defects			Number of Prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
Want of Cleanliness	—	1	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature ..	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation ..	—	1	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences—				
Insufficient	4	2	—	—
Unsuitable or Defective ...	414	123	—	—
Not separate for sexes ...	—	1	—	—
Other Offences	7	6	—	—
Total ..	425	134	—	—

OUTWORKERS.

Lists were submitted by 12 employers, showing the employment of 67 persons. In every case the premises were visited and found to be satisfactory.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

48 observations, each of half an hour's duration, were taken of the various industrial chimneys, during which 3 contraventions of the local bye-law were noted. Warning letters were sent in each case, 179 inspections of plants and 6 re-visits were found necessary.

Soot Deposit Gauges. 12 monthly deposits collected in these gauges are as follows :—

502 tons per square mile and 159 tons per square mile respectively.

This increase is mainly due to the fact that during the "blitz" period manufacturies were encouraged to produce excessive smoke to throw an obscuring blanket of smoke over the country. This at request of Ministry of Home Security.

FOOD INSPECTION AND THE SUPERVISION OF FOOD PREMISES.

763 inspections were made of Food Premises.

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 74 bakehouses in the district of which 7 are basement bakehouses licensed under the Factories Act, 1937.

MEAT SUPPLY.

There are 12 licensed private slaughterhouses in the Borough now temporarily closed due to Ministry of Foods centralised slaughtèring scheme, and these premises will be dealt with at a later date.

A 100% system of meat inspection is in force, and for the purpose of this system the Inspectors were on duty at the Public Abattoir on 675 occasions and on duty at private slaughterhouses on 44 occasions and 69 special slaughtèring visits were paid to farm premises for occasional licensed slaughter of pigs.

Summary of Animals Slaughtered and Inspected at the Public Abattoir.

	Cattle (Excluding Cows)	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Animals killed and inspected	2088	731	776	16037	2688
All Diseases except Tuberculosis :					
Whole carcases condemned ...	5	18	20	12	7
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	215	134	19	786	583
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis ...	10.54	20.79	5.03	4.98	21.95
Tuberculosis Only.					
Whole carcases condemned ...	5	36	1	—	7
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	230	409	5	—	444
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with Tuber- culosis	11.25	60.88	0.77	—	16.78

Number of Animals Killed and Weight in lbs. of Unsound Meat Surrendered.

	No. of Animals Killed and Inspected	Whole Carcases.		Part Carcases.		Offal.		Total.	
		T.B.	Other Causes	T.B.	Other Causes	T.B.	Other Causes	T.B.	Other Causes
Cows	731	19555	8625	2361	516	10185	1845	32101	10986
Other Cattle ...	2088	3182	1150	832	316	6046	2848	10060	4314
Sheep	16037	—	473	—	33	—	1460	—	1966
Pigs	2688	1402	1777	284	204	4171	1459	5857	3440
Calves	776	40	742	—	30	5	19	45	791
Totals	22320	24179	12737	3477	1099	20407	7631	48063	21497

The total weight condemned, therefore, was 31 tons, 1 cwt., 8 lbs.

MILK SUPPLY.

Production. In the Borough are 225 milk farms housing approximately 2,750-cows in a total of 340 cowsheds. 43 of these farms are licensed by the West Riding County Council to produce "Accredited" milk and one to produce "Tuberculin Tested" milk.

Purveying. There are 96 wholesale traders and 287 retailers, the latter including 132 shops registered for the sale of bottled milk. One shop-keeper is licensed to sell "Tuberculin Tested (Certified)" milk, produced and bottled in the Skipton Rural District. One licence to pasteurise bulk milk was extended for the year and the holder of this licence retails pasteurised milk at 21 shops in the district.

939 visits to cowsheds and 431 visits to dairy premises were made.

MILK SAMPLING.

(a) To Ascertain Cleanliness.

No. obtained and sent to County Laboratory for Examination.	Grade of Milk.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
2	Tuberculin Tested	1	—
69	Accredited	64	5
45	Pasteurised	40	5
310	Ordinary	213	97
<hr/> Total 426		<hr/> 319	<hr/> 107
		or 74.9%*	or 25.1%†

* Comprises 292 produced in Keighley and 27 elsewhere.

† Comprises 97 produced in Keighley and 10 elsewhere.

(b) For Presence of Tubercle Bacillus.

Of the above samples 270 were examined by the County Laboratory for presence of T.B. : 3 of these were notified as tuberculus. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the County Council took appropriate action which resulted in the affected animals being slaughtered.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

On the 1st October, 1939, by virtue of the 1938 Act, the Borough became a Food and Drugs Authority and the undermentioned samples were submitted to the Public Analyst.

Samples Taken.				No. Adulterated.	
Milks (formal)	...	...	118	...	4
Other Foods	...	...	60	...	5
(formal and informal)					
				178	9

Adulterated Samples, etc.

Article.	Whether Formal, Informal or Private.	Nature of Adulteration or Irregularity.	Observations.
Milk	Formal	Only 2.94% fat content	Warning letter sent
Milk	Formal	Only 2.90% fat content	Warning letter sent
Grey Powders	Informal	Deficiency of mercury and chalk	Formal samples taken
Grey Powders	Formal	Deficiency of mercury and chalk	Written explanation from firms considered sufficient Care promised in future dispensing
Grey Powders	Formal	Deficiency of mercury and chalk	
Solazzi	Informal	Excessive amounts of starch and gum	Doubtful sample. Indefinite evidence for legal proceedings.
Milk	Formal	20% added water	Retailer fined £10 and £2 2s. 0d. costs.
Milk	Formal	2% added water	Satisfactory explanation of leak in milk cooler given
Pork Sausage (Grade A)	Informal	61.2% meat content	Warning letter sent. Meat % considered low

REGISTRATION OF PREMISES.

234 premises are registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 for either the manufacture, storage or sale of ice cream or the preparation or manufacture of sausage, potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food.

Applications for the registration of 14 unsatisfactory premises are still in abeyance until the premises are made to comply with the provisions of the Act.

4 premises are registered under Section 34 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 for wholesale dealing in margarine and margarine—cheese.

1 shop is registered for the sale and storage of artificial cream under Section 28 of the Act.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number in Borough, 72, comprising 59 Fish friers, 5 Tanners and Leather Dressers, 1 Tripe Boiler, 1 Bone Boiler and Fat Refiner, 2 Tripe Boilers and Gut Scrapers, 1 Fat Refiner and 3 Rag and Bone Dealers. Local order specifying the trade of Fish Fryer as an offensive trade was repealed in October, 1940 and the Ministry of Health intimated that they did not advocate the renewal of such Orders until the end of the war. All bye-laws controlling offensive trades generally were also repealed by the Public Health Act, 1936, three years after its commencement, i.e., October, 1940.

Number of Inspections made—188.

REPRESSION OF VERMIN.

Rats.

173 visits were paid to rat infested premises and advice given.

727 visits were paid by the Ratcatcher to infested premises and 869 rats were known to have been caught or baits taken.

Verminous Houses and Household Effects.

The scheme of disinfestation prior to removal to Corporation houses, as described in the 1938 report, again operated smoothly.

A total of 34 families passed through the Disinfestation Station under this scheme.

In addition to the above the Department's attention was called by complaint to 17 verminous houses, one of which was Corporation property. Both sulphur dioxide and hydrocyanic acid gas have been applied, the latter by a contractor.

During 1940 the disinfestation of West Lane Clearance Area, prior to demolition was completed. A total of 141 houses were treated with Sulphur Dioxide.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS AND ORDERS.

The Chief Sanitary Inspector is the Council's Inspector under these Acts and senior officers of the Police act as officers of Local Authority for the purpose of granting licences and other administrative duties. A summary of action taken by all officers is as follows:

Anthrax Order, 1938.

In 1939 there were 18 suspected cases, 6 of them were confirmed. The carcasses of these were buried in accordance with the Anthrax Order and the infected premises disinfected at the expense of the local authority.

Tuberculosis Order, 1938.

40 Form "A" Notices were served. Of these 5 were withdrawn, the other 35 animals were slaughtered.

Swine Fever Order, 1938.

The restrictions on the outstanding case at the end of 1939 were lifted.

There were 11 suspected cases, 2 of which were confirmed, and resulted in 2 Form "B" Notices being served placing restrictions on adjacent premises. All form "B" Notices have been withdrawn and 9 withdrawals of Form "A" Notices have been received.

Regulation of Movement of Swine Order, 1922.

2 Form "C" licences affecting the movement of 40 Pigs for slaughter and 1 Form "A" licence affecting the movement of 9 pigs were issued.

Sheep Scab.

1 Form "A" notice issued which was withdrawn.

Foot and Mouth Disease Order, 1928.

237 Licences issued by Police affecting 1,389 cattle, 1,828 sheep and 282 pigs. 3 Form "D" notices served prohibiting movement of animals.

Movement of Animals Landing from Ireland and the Channel Islands Regulations, 1923.

No Licences were issued.

Transit of Animals (Amendment) Order, 1930.

13 vehicles were disinfected and cleansed.

RAG FLOCKS ACTS, 1911 to 1928.
FABRICS (MISDESCRIPTION) ACT, 1913.

No action.

SHOPS ACT, 1934.

20 unsatisfactory conditions under the Shops Acts were remedied, consisting of improved ventilation, provision of washing facilities and provision of sanitary accommodation.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

The following proceedings arose out of action taken during the year :—

Acts, Orders or Regulations under which proceedings were taken.	Remarks.	Result.	Fines	Costs.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Housing Act, 1936	Action taken for vaca- tion of houses within West Lane Clearance Area. 15 premises involved	Order to vacate in not less than 2 nor more than 4 weeks		
Food and Drugs Act, 1938 (section 24)	Milk Retailer selling milk containing 20% added water	Conviction	£10	£2 2s. 0d.
Milk and Dairies Order, 1926	Dairy farmer failed to cleanse cowshed	Conviction	5/-	
	Same farmer keeping swine in cowshed com- municating directly with cowshed, failed to cleanse udders before milking, and failed to keep clothing and per- son in a cleanly condi- tion	Cases dismissed		

G.—CLEANSING.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Department during the year.

The Cleansing Department is responsible only for the collection and disposal of House Refuse, Street and Gully Cleansing being the responsibility of the Highways Department, as is also Snow Removal and Street Gritting.

The work has been carried out in a satisfactory manner and despite the ever increasing salvage efforts, which have made House Refuse collections most irregular, very few complaints have been received. Disposal is by controlled tipping. The tips are situated as follows : Marley 1, Oakworth 2 (Bogthorn and Cemetery), Oxenhope 1, Stanbury, 1 and Oldfield 1.

The work is done by direct labour, except the Oakworth and Stanbury districts; which are let by contract.

Salvage.

Although salvage was carried out to some extent previous to the outbreak of hostilities, it has been considerably intensified since as in shown in the following return. The revenue from this tonnage was £2,545. Included in this figure is £780, the result of sales by other Departments, leaving a balance of £1,835 from your own Department, which shows that householders generally have tried to do their bit for the War Effort.

Wastepaper	...	...	...	326 tons
Black Scrap	...	...	...	184 tons, 10 cwts.
Baled Tins	...	...	...	85 tons
Aluminium	...	...	...	15 cwts.
Brass	...	...	...	2 tons, 15 cwts.
Copper	...	...	...	1 ton, 5 cwts.
Lead	...	...	...	3 tons
Textiles	...	...	...	21 tons
Jars and Bottles	...	...	...	9 tons, 5 cwts.
Cullett	...	...	...	3 tons, 15 cwts.
Kitchen Waste	...	...	...	33 tons, 10 cwts.
Bones	...	...	...	7 tons, 10 cwts.
Manure	...	...	...	88 tons
Total Tonnage				766 tons, 5 cwts.

With respect to Salvage Collections, complaints have been received accusing the men of dumping everything into the waggons after care has been taken by the housewife in keeping salvage separate. What really happens is this—to save extra journeys to and from the waggons by the men they first empty the contents of the dust bin into their basket, placing the salvage on top and when the waggon is reached the salvage is sorted into the respective bags carried for the purpose. These are delivered at the Depot before the waggon goes to the Tip.

Thanks are due to the staff for the energetic way they have carried out this work.

